

**ARTICLES
TO BE ENQUE
RED OF, IN THE
DIOCESSE OF
NORWICH.**

**In the ordinary Visitati-
on of the Reverend Father in God,
RICHARD, Lord Bishop of
NORWICH.**

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**The form of the Oath to be
ministred unto the Church-wardens
and Side-men.**

You shall swear, that you, and every of you
shall duely consider, and diligently enquire,
of all and every of these articles given you
in charge, and that all affection, favour, hope of
reward and gain, or fear of displeasure, or malice
set aside; you shall present all and every such per-
son, of, or within your Parish, as hath committed
any offence, or made any default mentioned in
these, or any of these articles; or which are vehe-
mently suspected or defamed of any such offence
or default: Wherein you shall deal uprightly and
fully; neither presenting, nor sparing to present
any, contrary to truth; having in this action God
before your eyes, with an earnest zeal to maintain
truth and vertue, and to suppress vice. So help
you God, and the contents of this holy book.



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Articles concerning Religion and Doctrine.

Titul. I.

1  Hether be there any abiding, or resorting to your Parish, that have wilfully maintained and defend-
ed any heresies, errors, or false opinions, contra-
ry to the faith of Christ, and holy Scripture? Hereticall opi-
nions.

2 *Item*, Whether doth any in your Parish, be-
ing 16 yeares of age or upwards, or others, lodge-
ing, or commonly resorting to any house in your Parish, wilfully
absent themselves from your Parish Church, Chappel, or Oratorie,
upon Sundaies and Holy daies, and other daies appointed, at Morn-
ing and Evening prayers? or who come late to Church, and depart
from Church before divine Service and Sermon be ended? or whe-
ther be there any that perswade others to forbear and abstain coming
to Church to heare divine Service, and receive the holy Communion,
according to his Majesties Laws in that behalf enacted?

Absence from
Church.

3 *Item*, Whether be there any in your Parish, that hath been, or
is vehemently suspected to have been present at any unlawfull assem-
blies, conventicles, or meetings, under colour or pretence of any exer-
cise of religion? or doth any affirm and maintain such meeting to be
lawfull, contrary to his Majesties Statutes in that behalf?

Unlawfull Con-
venticles.

4 *Item*, Whether be there any within your Parish, that deny
perswade any to deny, withstand, and impugne the Kings Majesties
authoritie and supremacie in causes Ecclesiasticall within his Realm?

5 *Item*, Whether be there any abiding, or resorting to your Parish,
that be, or are commonly reputed to be ill affected in matters of reli-
gion professed in our Church, or taken to be Recusant Papists, refu-
sing to repair unto the Church to heare divine Service, and receive the
holy Communion, and being disobedient to his Highnesse Laws in
that behalf provided? or do any publish, sell, or disperse any super-
stitious books or writings; or other books, libells, or writings of any

lectuaries

lectuaries touching the Religion, State, or Ecclesiasticall government of this Kingdome of England? Present their names, qualities, and conditions. Doth any Papist keep a Schoolmaster in his house, which cometh not to Church as is required? What is his name, and how long hath he taught there or elsewhere?

Titul. 2.

Articles concerning publick Prayer, and Administration of the Sacraments.

Depraving the
Book of Com-
mon Prayer, and
Ceremonies.

First, Whether hath any of your Parish spoken or declared any thing, in the derogation, or depraving of the form of Gods worship in the Church of England, and Administration of the Sacraments, Rites, and Ceremonies, set forth and prescribed in the book of Common Prayer by the Kings Majestie authorized and confirmed? Do any preach, speak, or declare, that it containeth any thing which is not agreeable to the holy Scriptures?

Perswading any
Minister to alter
the form of
Common
Prayer.

2. *Item*, Whether hath any in your Parish caused, procured, or maintained any Minister to say any common or publick Prayer, or to administer either of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lords Supper otherwise, or in any other manner and form, then is mentioned in the said book of Common Prayer? Or whether hath any interrupted, hindered, let, or disturbed the Minister to reade divine Service, and administer the Sacraments, in such manner and form as is mentioned in the said book, or interrupted him in his Preachings and Sermons?

Observation of
the form of
Baptism, and
Crosse.

3. *Item*, Whether is the Sacrament of Baptism rightly and duly administered according to the prescript form expressed in the book of Common Prayer, with due observation of all Rites and Ceremonies prescribed in the administration of the same, without adding, or altering any part or parcell of any prayers, interrogatories, or not using the signe of the Crosse in the administration of the same?

4. *Item*, Whether is the administration of the Sacrament of Baptism deferred longer then the next Sunday or Holiday immediately following the birth of the childe?

5. *Item*, Whether is the Sacrament of Baptism refused to be administered to any children born in or out of wedlock, their birth being made known to the Minister of the Parish, and offered unto him to be baptized? or have any such children died unbaptized?

6. *Item*, Whether be the Parents of any childe to be baptized, admitted to be godfathers, and godmothers to the same? Or whether have they above three sureties to a childe baptized?

7. *Item*, Whether have there any children been baptized in private

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vare houses by any lay-person, or midwife, or Popish Priest, or by any other Minister, but upon urgent occasion when the childé was in danger of death?

8 *Item*, Whether have the children which have been born to any Popish Recusants, or begotten by them in your Parish, been publicly baptized in your Parish Church by your Parson, Vicar, or Curate? or by whom were they baptized? or where to your knowledge?

Baptizing of Popish children.

9 *Item*, Whether hath the blessed Sacrament of the Lords Supper been duely and reverently administred every moneth; or thrice every yeare at least, whereof once at Easter, within your Parish Church to every parishioner being of sixteen yeares of age, or upwards?

Receiving of the Lords Supper thrice a yeare.

10 *Item*, Whether is the said holy Sacrament delivered unto, or received by any of the Communicants within your Parish, that unreverently sit or stand, or do not devoutly and humbly kneel upon their knees?

Kneeling at the Communion.

11 *Item*, Whether have any of your Parish which be openly known to live in notorious sinne without repentance, or excommunicate persons, or schismaricks, common and notorious depravers of the Religion and government of this Realm, without unfeigned sorrow shoven for their impietie and wickednesse, been admitted to be partakers of the said Communion?

Notorious offenders admitted to the communion.

12 *Item*, Whether hath any of your Parish been debarred from the said holy Communion without just cause, and without intimation first given to the Ordinary, or Bishop of the Diocese, and by whose default?

Debarring others without cause.

Articles concerning the Church, the Ornaments thereof, Titul. 2.
and the Churches possessions.

First, Whether have you in your Church or Chappel, the w Bible of the largest volume, and of the last translation, the of common Prayer, lately set forth by his Majesties authoritie two books of Homilies, and Bishop Jewels Apologie, all well fairly bound: A Font of stone set up in the ancient usuall place a convenient and decent Communion table, with a carpet of silk, some other decent stuffe, continually laid upon the table at time divine Service, and a fair linen cloth at the time of administering Communion? And whether is the same table placed conveniently as it ought? And whether is it so used in or out of time of divine Service or Sermon, as is not agreeable to the holy use of it, as by sitting

Abundant Communion Table

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on it, and by throwing hats on it, or writing on it? or is it abused to other profaner uses? Are the ten Commandments set upon the East end of your Church, with other sentences of Scripture about?

Things apper-
taining to
Churches.

2 *Item*, Whether have you in your said Church or Chappel, a convenient seat for your Minister to reade divine Service in, together with a comely Pulpit set up in a convenient place, with a decent cloth or cushion for the same, a comely, large, and fine Surplice, a fair communion Cup, a Flagon of silver, or pewter, with all other things and ornaments necessary for the celebration of divine Service, and administration of the Sacraments? and whether have you a Chest for almes with three locks and keyes, and another Chest for keeping the books and ornaments of the Church, and the Register book? Have you a Register book in parchment for Christnings, Weddings, and Burials? and is the same kept in all points according to the Canons? and have you a table set in your Church of the degrees wherein by law men are prohibited to marry?

Register books.

Reparations of
Churches, and
Parsonage-hou-
ses.

3 *Item*, Whether is your Church or Chappel with the Chancel thereof, and your Parsonage or Vicarage-house, your Parish almshouse and Church-house in good reparations? and are they employed to godly, and their right holy uses? if any be ruinated and wasted, in whom is the default? Is your Church, Chancel, and Chappel decently and comely kept, as well within as without? and be the seats well maintained, the steeple and bells preserved, the windows well glazed, the floore kept paved, plain and even, and all things in orderly and decent sort, without dust, or any thing that may be either noisome or unseemly for the house of God, as is prescribed in an Homily to that effect, and the 85 Canon?

Keeping clean
of Churches.

4 *Item*, How often have you presented unto the Commissaries, and Officers Court, the want of reparations of your Church, Chancel, Chappel, or your Parsonage and Parsonage-houses? What dismission have you paid to the Register since the last Visitation, the faults not amended?

5 *Item*, Whether be your Churchyards well fenced, and kept without abuse? if not, whose default is it? hath any person encroached on the ground of the Churchyard? have any used a place consecrated to holy use profanely or wickedly? have any quarrelled, or stricken any person in Church or Churchyard? have any annoyed your Churchyard or the fence thereof, by putting in of cattell, by hanging of clothes, or by laying there any dust, dung, or other filthinesse?

6 *Item*, Whether is your Church full, or vacant of an Incumbent?

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bent? if vacant, who receiveth the fruits thereof, and who serveth the Cure, and by what authority? And whether is it a Parsonage, Vicarage, or Donative, or Appropriation?

7 *Item*, What legacies have been given to the use and benefit of your Church? how have they been bestowed? who received them, and detaineth them without due employment? Doth any detain or embezel any of the Church goods, or any other gifts given to charitable uses? Concealing of Church goods.

8 *Item*, Whether is there any erecting of pews, or innovating of seats in your Church by any private man of his own authority? and what seats have been so built, and by whose procurement, and by what authority? Erecting up seats and pews.

9 *Item*, Whether hath any in your Parish defaced, or caused to be defaced any monuments or ornaments in your Church? Defacing of seemly Ornaments.

10 *Item*, Whether hath any Popish Recusant, being lawfully excommunicate, been entered or buried in your Church or Churchyard, before absolution of that censure and excommunication? if yea, then by whom, and when? Burying of Popish Recusants.

11 *Item*, Whether be not the profits, tithes, and other commodities Ecclesiasticall, impiously and wickedly, to the dishonour of Almighty God, and prejudice of the sacred Ministerie, converted to the use and benefit of coverous Patrons, and by them received and detained? and how long have they been so used to your knowledge? Alienation of tithes and profits of the Church.

12 *Item*, Whether have you the Terrier of all the Gleab-lands, meadows, gardens, orchards, houses, stocks, implements, tenements, and portions of tithes (whether within your Parish or without) belonging unto your Parsonage, or Vicarage, taken by the view of honest men in your said Parish? And whether is the said Terrier laid up in the Bishops Registry? and in whose hands are any of them now? And if you have no Terrier already made in parchment, you the Churchwardens and Sidemen, together with your Parson or Vicar, or in his absence your Curate, are to make diligent enquiry, and presentment of the premises, and make, subscribe, and signe the said Terrier, as aforesaid. A Terrier of Gleablands and other possessions of the Church.

Articles concerning Ministers, and Preachers of Gods holy word.

Titul. 4.

First, Whether is your Minister, Parson, Vicar, or Curate, a Graduate in either of the Universities, or no? if yea, then of what degree? Is he a publick Preacher of Gods word? and by whom is he so licensed? Degrees of Ministers.

2 *Items*.

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Observation of
the form, and
time of com-
mon Prayer, and
Sacraments,

2 Item, Whether doth your Minister distinctly and reverently say Divine Service upon Sundayes and Holidayes, and other dayes appointed to be observed by the book of Common Prayer, as Wednesdayes, and Fridayes, and the Eves of every Sunday and Holiday, at fit and usuall times? And doth your Minister duely observe the Orders, Rites, and Ceremonies prescribed in the said book of Common Prayer, as well in reading all publick Prayers, and the Letanie; as also in administering the Sacraments, solemnization of Matrimonic, visitation of the sick, burying the dead, churching of women, and all other like Rites, and Offices of the Church, in like manner and form, as in the said book of Common Prayer is enjoined, without any omission or addition of any thing? And doth he reade the book of the last Canons yearly?

Continuall wear-
ing of the
Surplice.

3 Item, Whether doth your Minister alwayes, and at every time both morning and evening, reading divine Service, and administering the Sacraments, and other Rites of the Church, weare the Surplice according to the Canons? And doth he never omit wearing of the same at such times?

Observation of
Rites.

4 Item, Whether doth your Minister bid Holidayes and Fasting-dayes, as is appointed? Doth he administer the holy Communion every moneth, or thrice in the yeare at least, whereof once at Easter, to every parishioner? doth he receive the same himself on every day that he administreth it to others? and useth he the words of Institution according to the book, without alteration, at every time that the Bread and Wine is renewed? Doth he use and never omit the signe of the Crosse in Baptism? or doth he ever baptize in any bason or other thing, but the usuall Font? Doth he marry without a Ring, or in times prohibited, or without the Banes thrice published, without a speciall License from the Archbishop, or Bishop of the Diocesse, or his Chancellour, first had and obtained?

Preachers with-
out license.

Reading Homi-
lies when there
is no Sermon,

5 Item, Whether is your Minister a Preacher licensed, or no? If no, whether doth he take upon him in his own Cure or elsewhere to expound any Scripture or matter of doctrine, and doth not keep himself onely to the reading of Homilies published by Authority? if so, then you are to present the same, the time and place where he did it. And if he be licensed, doth he preach usuall according to the 45 Canon in his own Cure, or some other neighbour Church, where no Preacher is? doth he preach standing, and with his hat off? Or whether doth he or his Curate upon every Sunday when there is no Sermon, reade an Homily, or some part thereof, according as he ought to do?

6 Item,

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6 *Item*, Whether doth your Minister publish in his Sermons, any doctrine which is new and strange, and disagreeing from the word of God, and from the Articles of Christian Faith and Religion agreed on and published *Ann. Dom. 1562*? or whether doth he teach any thing, which he would have the people religiously to observe, and believe, but that which is agreeable to the Scriptures, and that which the Catholick Fathers and ancient Bishops have gathered out of that doctrine, according to the Canon? Preaching of false doctrine, and new opinions.

7 *Item*, Whether is any Minister admitted to preach in your Church, who doth not before the Churchwardens subscribe his name in your book for that purpose, the day when he preached, and the name of the Bishop of whom he had license to preach? And is any one admitted to preach before he sheweth his license? Names of strange preachers to be taken.

8 *Item*, Doth any Preacher in your pulpit particularly impugn and confute any doctrine delivered by other his fellow-Preachers, before he hath acquainted the Bishop of the Diocese therewith, and received order from him what to do in that case? Opposition of Preachers in their Sermons.

9 *Item*, Doth your Minister use alwayes to pray for the Kings Majestie, the Queen, the Prince and Princeesse, the Councel, Clergie, &c. giving them their full titles, as in the Canon is required? Praying for his Majestie, &c.

10 *Item*, Whether is your Minister resident upon his Benefice, or absent? if absent, by whom is the Cure served, the fruits received? Doth your Minister or Curate serve any more Cures then one? if yea, then what other Cure doth he serve, and how farre are they distant? Non-residence of the Minister.

11 *Item*, Whether doth he catechize the youth of his Parish upon Sundayes or Holidayes before Evening prayer for half an houre, or more, in the Catechisme set forth in the book of Common prayer? And whether do all the Parishioners diligently attend his catechizing? and who refuse to send their children and servants to be catechized by him? Catechizing.

12 *Item*, Doth your Minister carefully look to the relief of the poore, and from time to time call upon his Parishioners to give somewhat according to their abilitie, to godly and charitable uses, especially when they make their Wills? Ministers to call for relief of the poore, and almes-deeds.

13 *Item*, Whether is your Minister suspected, or known to have Symonie, obtained his Benefice or spirituall promotion by any Simoniacall compact, directly or indirectly?

14 *Item*, Whether doth your Minister demise the profits of his Benefice to any Lay-man above one yeare, and is not resident there, and keepeth no hospitality upon his Benefice, being of sufficient value? Demising of Benefices.

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Conferring with
Recusants.

15 *Item*, Whether hath he, being learned and sufficient, conferred with the Popish Recusants of his Parish, endeavouring to reclaim them from their errors, and presenting them being obstinate for their Recusancie?

Observing of
Rogation-week.

16 *Item*, Doth your Minister in the Rogation-dayes go in perambulation of the circuit of the Parish, saying and using the prayers, suffrages, and thanksgiving to God, appointed by Law, according to his duty, thanking God for his blessings, and praying for his grace and favour?

Preaching, &c.
in private hou-
ses.

17 *Item*, Hath your Minister or any other Preacher made any Sermons, administered the Sacraments, or Churched women in any private houses, otherwise then is by Law allowed?

Curates not li-
censed, and lay-
men doing offi-
ces of a Mini-
ster.

18 *Item*, What Curates, or Preachers do read prayers, or administer the Sacraments in your Parish, without lawfull license from the Bishop of the Diocese under his hand and seal, according to the Canon? or doth any Layman, not having holy Orders, presume to read publick prayers in the Church?

Lecturers and
Preachers to
read service.

19 *Item*, Whether have you any Preacher or Lecturer in your Parish? and whether (if any such be) doth he twice at the least every yeare read himself divine Service both morning and evening two severall Sundayes publickly in his Surplice; and also twice in the yeare administer both Sacraments, with such rites & ceremonies as are prescribed in the book of Common-prayer, according to the 56 Canon?

Conversation of
the Minister.

20 *Item*, Whether is your Minister studious in the holy Scriptures, and abstaineth from Mechanicall trades, or labour not befitting his function? and from apparrell unseemly for his calling? and from gaming, swearing, and drunkenesse, and from frequenting Innes, Taverns, and Tipling houses, and sitting and drinking inordinately in the same, or such notorious scandals? or is there any in your Parish, who having been admitted into holy Orders, either Deacon or Minister, doth relinquish or forsake his calling, and liveth in the course of his life as a Lay-man?

Ministers for-
saking their cal-
ling.

Ministers re-
solving Private
confessions.

21 *Item*, Whether doth your Minister before the severall times of the administration of the Lords Supper, admonish and exhort his Parishioners, if they have their consciences troubled & disquieted, to resort unto him, or some other learned Minister, and open his grief, that he may receive such ghostly counsel and comfort, as his conscience may be relieved, and by the Minister he may receive the benefit of absolution, to the quiet of his conscience, and avoiding of the scruple? And if any man confesse his secret and hidden sinnes being sick or whole

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whole to the Minister, for the unburthening of his conscience, and receiving such spirituall consolation, doth or hath the said Minister at any time revealed and made known to any person whatsoever, any crime or offence so committed to his trust and secrecie, contrary to the 113 Canon?

Articles concerning Matrimony.

Titul. 5.

First, Whether be there any in your Parish that have married within the degrees of affinitie, or consanguinitie, by the Law of God forbidden? if any, what be they?

Marriage within Leviticall degrees.

2 *Item*, Whether have any been married secretly in private houses, or without their Parents or Governours consent signified, being under the age of 21 yeares?

Private marriage, and without consent of Parents.

3 *Item*, Whether do any persons lawfully married, live asunder unlawfully? and in whom is the default?

Married persons living apart.

4 *Item*, Whether have any persons (the banns being not thrice published in the Church) been married without license? who were present at such marriages, and what Minister married them?

Marriage without banns and license.

5 *Item*, Whether have any persons by license or without been married in your Parish Church, neither of them at that time dwelling in your Town?

Persons married out of their parishes.

6 *Item*, What Popish Recusants or their children have been married in your Parish? in what sort was that Matrimony solemnized? when, and by whom?

Recusants marriage.

7 *Item*, Is there any in your Parish that is voiced, noted, and credibly reported and accused to have two wives living, or two husbands?

Bigamy.

Articles concerning Churchwardens.

Titul. 6.

First, Whether be the Churchwardens chosen by the Minister and Parishioners, according to the 89 Canon? and whether hath any taken upon him to be Churchwarden, being not so chosen? or hath any continued above one yeare in his office without a new choice?

Election of Churchwardens.

2 *Item*, Whether have any Churchwardens retained any of the Church goods, and not made a just account of what they have received and expended?

Churchwardens due accompt.

3 *Item*, Have they been, and are they diligent in their office, to see decencie kept in the Church, and order in the time of Common-prayer, and administration of the Sacraments, and that there be no disturbance, but sobernesse & quietnesse in the Church? And do the Churchwardens keep a book in your Parish, wherein the name of every strange Preacher in your Parish is set down? and have the Churchwardens suffered any to preach, not shewing or having no license?

Churchwardens diligent in Church.

A book for strange preachers.

Titul. 7.Profaning the
Lords day.Impugning the
Rites and go-
vernment of
the Church.Reverend beha-
viour at divine
Service.Leaving their
own Churches
to go to others.Exception a-
gainst the Mi-
nister.
Churching of
women.Disgracing of
Ministers.Using of
shops upon
Holidays.Keeping holy
the 27 of
March
and the
5 of
November.*Articles concerning the Parishioners.*

First, Whether do any in your Parish profane the Sunday by un-
lawfull games, drinking, or tippling in the time of Common
Prayer, or Sermon; and by working, and doing the ordinary works of
their vocation and trades?

2 *Item*, Is there any in your Parish that do impugne or speak
against the Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England, or the
lawfull use of them; and the government of this Church under his
Majestie, by Archbishops, Bishops, and other Ecclesiasticall officers?

3 *Item*, Who in your Parish do come to the Sermon onely, and
not to divine Service? and who do not reverently behave themselves
during the time of divine Service, devoutly kneeling when the gene-
rall Confession of sinnes, the Letanie, the ten Commandments, and all
Prayers and Collects are read? and using all duely and lowly reve-
rence when the blessed name of the Lord Jesus is mentioned? and
standing up when the Articles of the Belief, and the Gospel are read?
or who do cover their heads in the Church, during the whole time of
divine Service, unless it be in case of necessitie? in which case they may
weare a night-cap. Or who do give themselves to babling, talking, or
walking, and are not attentive to heare the word read and preached?

4 *Item*, Is there any of your Parish having a Preacher to their Mi-
nister, that do absent themselves from his Sermons, and resort to
other places to heare other Preachers? or do any in your Parish com-
municate, or baptize their children in any other Parish?

5 *Item*, Is there any in your Parish that refuse to have their chil-
dren baptized, or themselves to receive the Communion of your Mi-
nister, taking exception against him? Or have any wives refused to
come to Church according to the book of Common Prayer, to give
thanks to God for their safe deliverance, in a decent white vail or
kerchief, as hath been anciently accustomed?

6 *Item*, Hath any in your Parish spoken slanderous and reproach-
full words against your Minister, to the scandall of his vocation, or
against their marriage or wives, or against his neighbour, defaming
them touching any crime of Ecclesiasticall cognizance?

7 *Item*, Whether do any in your Parish exercise any trade or la-
bour, buy or sell, or keep open shops, or set out any wares to be sold
upon Sundayes and Holidayes by themselves, their servants, or ap-
prentices, or have otherwise profaned the said dayes?

8 *Item*, Whether is the 27 of March, and the fifth of November
kept holy, and thanksgiving made to God, in the forenoon of those
dayes, according to the order set forth in that behalf?

9 *Item*,

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9 Item, Is there any in your Parish that be, or are commonly known or reputed to be blasphemers of Gods holy Name, drunkards, adulterers, fornicatours, incestuous persons, concealers or harbourers of fornicatours or adukerers? have any been detected of such notorious crimes? and what penance have they done for the same?

Adultery, fornication, incest, &c.

10 Item, What corporall punishment for any such offences hath been commuted and changed into a pecuniary mulct or summe of money by any Ecclesiasticall Judge, exercising jurisdiction within this Diocesse, by vertue of any Grant or Commission? or what was the summe of money by them or any of them so received and taken? and to what uses was the same bestowed? or whether upon such commutations, was the unfeigned repentance of the delinquents published in the Church?

Commutation of penance.

11 Item, What person or persons have died and departed this mortal life, since the 20 day of February last past? and whether did they make any last Wills or Testaments? and who were their Executors? or whether died they intestate? and who hath the Administration of their goods? and what be the names of such deceased, and Executors, and Administratours? And whether do you know, or have heard of any Esquires, Gentlemen, Ministers, or such, who had goods in severall Archdeaconries, within the Diocesse of Norwich at the time of their death, their Wills to be proved, or Administration of their goods to be granted, by any Archdeacons, Commissaries, or Officials, or their Surrogates, and which of right and by custome do properly belong to the Bishop of Norwich, and his Chancellour?

Persons dying since the 20 of Febr. 1632.

12 Item, Whether have any in your Parish administered the goods of any person deceased, without lawfull authoritie, and before he or they have proved the Will & Testament of the party deceased, or have obtained Commission from the Ordinary to dispose of the said moveable goods? or are there any Wils unproved, or goods not administered?

Administ'ring of goods without authoritie.

13 Item, What persons be excommunicate within your Parish, and for what cause to your knowledge? and whether do any of them repair to the Church in time of Prayer, unabsolved?

Excommunicate persons.

Articles concerning Schoolmasters, Physicians, and Chir- rurgians, and Parish Clerks.

Titul. 8.

First, Is there any Schoolmaster in your Parish that teacheth publicly or privately, not licensed by the Ordinary or the Bishop of the Diocesse? Doth he reach any Papists or Sectaries children, that come not to Church? And doth he instruct all his scholars to learn

Schoolmasters not licensed.

Dutie of all Schoolmasters.

the shorter Catechisme by law established, contained in the book of Common-prayer? is he a Graduate, and sufficient to teach?

Physicians not
licensed.

2 *Item*, What Physician or Chirurgicalian is in your Parish unlicensed, and being not a Doctor of Physick in either of the Universities, doth practise physick? And what ignorant persons have left their trade, and taken upon them to professe Physick, or Chirurgerie? and who be they that so abuse the people?

Parish-clerks.

3 *Item*, Have you a fit Parish-clerk, aged 20 yeares at least, of honest life, able to read and write? Are his and the Sextons wages paid without fraud? if not, then whose default is it? By whom is he chosen? is he diligent in his office, and serviceable to the Minister? doth he meddle with any thing above his office? doth he keep the Church clean, the doores locked? is any thing lost and spoiled, by his default? and doth he execute his office duly?

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Excessive fees.

Articles concerning Ecclesiasticall offices.

First, Whether be there any Ecclesiasticall officers, that exercise Ecclesiasticall jurisdiction within this Diocesse, that take and receive, or exact any extraordinary and excessive fees for any cause? Whether have your Churchwardens and Questmen concealed any abuses, or offences punishable in the Ecclesiasticall court? and whether are such offences, being presented, suppressed and unpunished?

Tables of fees
in Courts.

2 *Item*, Whether is there not a table of Fees in every Court, of the Consistory, Archdeacons, and Commissaries, allowed and subscribed by the Judge and Register of the Court of Consistory, *Anno Dom.* 1597, and the same every Court day hung up in some publick place of the Court, and Registry? And whether doth the Register of your Courts take more for Wills, and Administrations, and other things, then is set down in that Table?

Speeding of
acts without
a Notarie.

3 *Item*, Doth any Ecclesiasticall Judge speed any act in any cause privately of himself, and not in presence of some publick Notarie, or Actuarie?

Abuses in Appa-
ritors and
Sumners.

4 *Item*, Whether is there any excessive number of Apparitors and Sumners in this Diocesse? or have any of them under pretence of authoritie cited or summoned any person unlawfully, or have taken any reward for the concealing of any offence or sinne, or the avoiding of punishment of the offenders, and who be they that have done so? or do they take any fees not customable? have they threatened any to prosecute them if they had no reward? and do they summon any without a Citation first had?

5 *Item*;

ARTICLES.

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5 Item, Hath any Ecclesiasticall Judge, or Officer, Advocate, Register, Proctour, Clerks, or other such ministers, any way abused themselves in their offices, contrary to the Law and Canons in that behalf provided?

Abuses in Ecclesiasticall offices.

6 Lastly, Whether have you and every of you, sincerely, uprightly, and without any partiall affection, and concealing, presented and made known all and every the offenders in any of the matters mentioned in the precedent Articles exhibited unto you, either as they are taken in truth to be, or by common fame reported?

Sincerity and impartialitie in the inquirers.

If you know of any other default or crime of Ecclesiasticall cognizance, you are to present the same.

The Ministers of every Parish may joyn in presentment with the Churchwardens and Sidemen: and if they will not present, then the Ministers themselves (being the persons that should have the chief care for the suppressing of sinne and impietie in their parishes) may present the crimes aforesaid, and such things as shall be thought to require due reformation, Can. 113.

There must be severall presentments made to every severall Article.

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The Ministers of every Parish may join in protestant with the
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require due reformation. Can. 113.

There shall be several reformation
General Article.

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For the better of his life in the
1633. proposed reformation.

Richard Norton.

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